

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A camera apparatus comprising:
a display device for displaying, in a standby state for
taking a picture, an optical image of a subject to be
photographed;

5 a memory for storing plural photographing condition data
corresponding to respective different photographing conditions,
and plural sample images representing images of the subject,
wherein the plural sample images correspond to the plural
photographing condition data, respectively;

10 a selector for selecting one of the sample images stored in
the memory in response to a selecting operation;

a selection starting unit for causing the selector to start
selection of the sample image;

15 a photographing-condition setting unit for setting a
photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the
photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image
selected by the selector in response to a decision operation; and

20 a display controller for controlling the display device to
display the sample image corresponding to the photographing
condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit

together with the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit;

25 wherein the selector restarts selection of the sample image when the selection starting unit causes the selector to start selection of the sample image after the photographing condition has been set by the photographing-condition setting unit;

30 wherein the display controller controls the display device to cease displaying the sample image after displaying the sample image for a predetermined period of time;

wherein a judging unit judges whether or not the display controller displays the sample image on the display device, when the selection starting unit has caused the selector to start selection of the sample image; and

35 wherein the display controller controls the display device to display the sample image corresponding to the photographing condition currently set by the photographing-condition setting unit, when the judging unit determines that the sample image is not displayed on the display device.

14. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13, wherein the display controller controls the display device to display the sample image together with the optical image of the subject for a predetermined period, and then

5 to display only the optical image of the subject after the
predetermined period.

15. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set
forth in claim 13, wherein the selector successively changes the
sample image in response to the selecting operation, and the
display controller controls the display device to display the
5 successively changed sample images, thereby allowing a user to
select one of the sample images from among the successively
displayed sample images.

16. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set
forth in claim 13, wherein the display controller controls the
display device to display the sample image before the
photographing condition is set by the photographing-condition
5 setting unit, and the selector selects the displayed sample image
in response to the selecting operation.

Claims 17-18 (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) The camera apparatus as set forth
in claim ~~18~~ 13, wherein the display controller controls the
display device to display another sample image in place of the
currently displayed sample image when the judging unit determines

5 that the sample image is displayed on the display device, and
 wherein the display controller controls the display device to
 display a next sample image in place of the displayed sample
 image when the judging unit determines that the sample image is
 not displayed on the display device, whereby the selector allows
10 a user to select the photographing condition again.

 20. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set
 forth in claim 13, wherein the display controller controls the
 display device to display respective ones of the sample images in
 response to the selecting operation of the selector, and wherein
5 the selector selects the sample image from among the displayed
 sample images.

 21. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set
 forth in claim 13, wherein the display controller controls the
 display device to display a plurality of the sample images
 together with the optical image of the subject.

 22. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set
 forth in claim 13, wherein the display controller controls the
 display device to display the sample image currently selected by
 the selector and another one of the sample images in a manner
5 discernible one from other.

23. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13, wherein the memory stores the plural sample images in a predetermined storing order, and the display controller controls the display device to display the sample
5 image selected by the selector and a sample image adjacent to the selected sample image in the storing order together with the optical image of the subject.

24. (Previously Presented) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 23, wherein the display controller controls the display device to display the sample image selected by the selector and the sample image adjacent to the selected sample
5 image in a manner discernible one from other.

Claims 25-28 (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended) A display method for a camera apparatus which includes a display device and a memory storing plural photographing condition data corresponding to respective different photographing conditions and plural sample images
5 representing images of a subject, wherein the plural sample images correspond to the plural photographing condition data, respectively, said display method comprising:

displaying on the display device an optical image of the
subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a
10 picture;

selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in
response to a selecting operation;

controlling selection of the sample image to be started;

setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus
15 based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the
sample image selected in response to a decision selecting
operation; and

controlling the display device to display the sample image
corresponding to the set photographing condition together with
20 the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera
apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the
photographing-condition setting unit;

restarting selection of the sample image when the selection
of the sample image is controlled to be started after the
25 photographing condition has been set;

controlling the display device to cease displaying the
sample image after displaying the sample image for a
predetermined period of time;

judging whether or not the sample image is displayed on the
30 display device, when the selection of the sample image has been
controlled to be started; and

controlling the display device to display the sample image
corresponding to the currently set photographing condition, when
it is judged that the sample image is not displayed on the
35 display device.

Claims 30 and 31 (Canceled).

32. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having
recorded thereon a computer program for controlling a camera
apparatus, which includes a display device and a memory storing
plural photographing condition data corresponding to respective
5 different photographing conditions and plural sample images
representing images of a subject, wherein the plural sample
images correspond to the plural photographing condition data,
respectively, to perform functions of:

10 displaying on the display device an optical image of the
subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a
picture;

selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in
response to a selecting operation;

controlling selection of the sample image to be started;

15 setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus
based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the

sample image selected in response to a decision selecting
operation; ~~and~~

controlling the display device to display the sample image
20 corresponding to the set photographing condition together with
the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera
apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the
photographing-condition setting unit;

restarting selection of the sample image when the selection
25 of the sample image is controlled to be started after the
photographing condition has been set;

controlling the display device to cease displaying the
sample image after displaying the sample image for a
predetermined period of time;

30 judging whether or not the sample image is displayed on the
display device, when the selection of the sample image has been
controlled to be started; and

controlling the display device to display the sample image
corresponding to the currently set photographing condition, when
35 it is judged that the sample image is not displayed on the
display device.

Claims 33 and 34 (Canceled).